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TOPIC 8th Hungarian Border Battalion

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1. The headquarters and a training company of the 8th Border Guard Bn were in the barracks on Olais Street in the northwestern sector of Zalaegerszeg (Y 4/V 10) on 15 May 1950. The battalion had the postal number 0629. One of its border guard companies was stationed in Oeriszentpeter (Y 3/Z 08) and another one in Lenti (Y 3/E 98). There were two other companies, whose locations were not known. *
2. The officers of the battalion headquarters included Major Antal Lollner, commanding officer; Captain Szabo (fnu), deputy CO, not a confirmed Communist; Senior Lieutenant Miklossy (fnu), political officer; and Lieutenant Marton Szentagotai, "D" officer. -- Soviet lieutenant colonel who was attached to the headquarters was political or military advisor. He usually wore civilian clothes. His residence was on Zarda Street, opposite the girls' high school.
3. There were 450 soldiers in the training company, which was organized into six platoons of 60 to 70 men each. Each platoon consisted of three squads. The officer candidates were in the first platoon and the NCO candidates in the second. Those two platoons were transferred to the border area in 1949. Senior Lieutenant Laszlo Kiss, a member of the Communist Party, was CO of the company. Lieutenant Gabor Kovacs was political officer. The company was equipped with an undetermined number of model M-48 rifles, 7.62 mm-caliber, submachine guns with drum magazines, and some heavy machine guns.
4. The border guard company in Szentgotthard (Y 3/C 45) was transferred to Oeriszentpeter. It furnished personnel for seven or eight border guard detachments, including those in Oeriszentpeter, Felsőszolnok (Y 3/Z 61), Ritkahaza (Y 3/Z 61) and Apatistvanfalva (Y 3/Z 71). Captain Kalman Olah, who was not a confirmed Communist, was company commander.
5. The border guard detachment in Felsőszolnok numbered 55 soldiers and was equipped with 46 submachine guns, eight rifles, one model 42 machine gun, four model 48 light machine guns of 7.62 mm caliber, one Maxim heavy machine gun, and five pistols.

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
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*  Comment. The 8th Border Guard Bn has been in the Zalaegerszeg area since 1948. It had consisted of only three border guard companies and one training company. The statement of the deserter indicates that the strength of the battalion has been increased.

1 Annex: 1 - Standard Manpower Questionnaire.

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